FDA Perspective: Current Regulatory Incentives Orphan Drug Provisions

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RARE PLASMA DISORDERS:

No Profit, No Drugs



Return on Investment

Total Profit



Cost of Development



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Basic Research

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Clinical Research

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Cost of Money

+

Regulatory Costs

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Etc.





Each piece of the equation offers opportunities for intervention





Profits may be increased by decreasing competition

- >Patents
- >Exclusivity





Basic Research

- > NIH
- > Grants
- > CRADA





Clinical Research

- Grants and Tax Credits
 but also
- >Endpoints and number of Studies



Regulatory Costs

- >Fee waiver
- >Speed of review
- Need to Know vs. Nice to Know



- >Seven Years of Exclusivity
 - Same drug/same indication
 - Similar to a use patent
 - Begins at time of FDA approval



- >Tax Credits
 - Fifty percent of clinical trial costs.
 - Twenty year carry forward; one year carry back.





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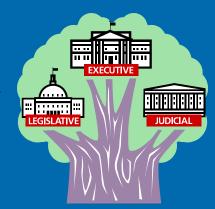
- >User Fee Waiver
 - Application fee only.
 - Establishment & product fees not included.





>Written protocol assistance





- >Grants
 - \$200,000 total cost for Phase I
 - \$350,000 total cost for Phase II or III
 - Up to three years



OPD Web Site



http://www.fda.gov/orphan

Your Link to:

- Overview of the FDA Office of Orphan Products Development
- > Guidelines for designation application
- > List of designated and approved orphan products
- > Grant application information
- > List of ongoing orphan grant studies

